

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

JUSTIN L. VICTORY,

Case No.: 2:24-cv-01998-APG-MDC

Plaintiff

Transfer Order

V.

JAMES M. SCHOPPMANN, et al.,

Defendants

I. DISCUSSION

10 Plaintiff Justin Victory, who is currently incarcerated in the Nevada Department of
11 Corrections, has filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and a civil rights complaint
12 under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. ECF Nos. 1, 4. Victory sues defendants James M. Schoppmann and
13 Matthew J. Smith, who are both attorneys in the Mohave County Attorney's Office in Arizona.
14 ECF No. 4 at 2. The allegations in the complaint are difficult to understand, but Victory appears
15 to allege that he initiated a request for a final disposition regarding charges in Arizona pursuant to
16 the Interstate Agreement on Detainers. *Id.* at 2-3. The defendants failed to honor the request, and
17 Victory moved to dismiss the case. *Id.* at 3. The defendants then filed documents in Arizona State
18 Court falsely claiming that they never received Victory's request. *Id.*

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), a plaintiff may bring an action in:

(1) a judicial district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located; (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated; or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court's personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.

1 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1406, if a case has been filed in the wrong district or division, the district court
2 in which the case has been incorrectly filed may “transfer such case to any district or division in
3 which it could have been brought.”

4 Both defendants appear to work and reside in Mohave County Arizona. The alleged
5 actions or inactions of the defendants in failing to honor the request for a final disposition and
6 then falsely claiming that they had never received the request also took place in Arizona.
7 Because the events giving rise to Victory’s claims occurred in Arizona, and the defendants reside
8 in Arizona, I find that the District of Nevada is not the appropriate venue for this action. Mojave
9 County is in the Prescott Division of the District of Arizona. Therefore, I will direct that the
10 Clerk of the Court transfer this action to the United States District Court for Arizona, Prescott
11 Division. I offer no opinion on the merits of this action or the application to proceed *in forma*
12 *pauperis*.

13 **II. CONCLUSION**

14 I THEREFORE ORDER that the Clerk of the Court is kindly directed to transfer this case
15 to the United States District Court for Arizona, Prescott Division, and to close this case in this
16 Court.

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18 Dated: February 26, 2025



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20 Andrew P. Gordon
21 Chief United States District Judge
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